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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit for eggs or similar fragile articles, said packaging unit comprising:

a bottom part comprising nonplanar side surfaces of egg-shaped compartments which match at least partially the outer contours of the eggs contained within said unit; and

a cover part comprising a top surface and substantially planar front and rear side surfaces, and planar opposing end faces, wherein the rear side surface is permanently attached to the bottom part and the front side surface comprises an opening to the unit, said cover part comprising partial ovoid portions extending outwardly from at least one of the planar end faces, ~~which planar face wherein the at least one planar end face or faces apart from the ovoid portions completely spans the entire side end face of the cover part.~~

2. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, where said partial ovoid portions are about one quarter of a complete ovoid.

- 3-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said nonplanar side surfaces of the bottom part are partially ovoid-shaped.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said partial ovoid portions of the cover part continue in said

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corresponding egg-shaped compartments of the bottom part, the corresponding portions in the cover part and in the bottom part thereby matching a continuous portion of a surface of an egg.

8. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said partial ovoid portions located at one of the end faces or both end faces of the cover part together with the corresponding egg-shaped compartments in the bottom part correspond to a major portion of a surface of an egg.

9. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 8, wherein said major portion of the surface of an egg constitutes not less than approximately 60% of the total surface of an egg.

10. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein a top surface of said partial ovoid portions, has a different surface structure than the remaining portions of the cover part.

11. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 10, wherein said surface structure of the partial ovoid portions is relatively smooth and the surface structure of the remaining surfaces of the packaging unit are relatively coarse.

12. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 10, wherein said surface structure of the partial ovoid portions is relatively coarse and the surface structure of the remaining surfaces of the unit is relatively smooth.

13. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said egg-shaped compartments of the bottom part have a different surface structure than the remaining portions of the bottom part.

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14. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 13, wherein said surface structure of the compartment is relatively smooth and the surface structure of the remaining surfaces of the unit is relatively coarse.
15. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 13, wherein said surface structure of the compartment is relatively coarse and the surface structure of the remaining surfaces of the unit is relatively smooth.
16. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said cover part on the planar front side is provided with at least one opening for engagement with a respective protrusion provided on said bottom part.
17. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 16, wherein said engagement between the ~~one or more protrusions~~ respective protrusion and corresponding openings is a tight engagement around the complete circumference of the protrusion.
18. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 16, wherein the shape of the ~~one or more said openings~~ at least one opening and corresponding ~~one or more protrusions~~ respective protrusion substantially correspond to a longitudinal cross-section through an egg.
19. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 16, wherein ~~the~~ an outer surface of said protrusion is substantially planar.
20. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 16, wherein ~~said~~ an outer surface of the protrusion is flush with said front surface of the cover part.

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21. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 16, wherein the lower edge portion of said protrusion is flush with said front surface and where the upper edge portion of said protrusion extends outwardly relative to the front surface.
22. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said top surface and/or said front surface and/or said rear surface of the cover part is/are provided with graphical and/or pictorial information and/or embossing.
23. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 18, wherein ~~said an outer surface of the one or more protrusions respective~~ protrusion is provided with graphical and/or pictorial information and/or embossing.
24. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said bottom part and said cover part are connected to each other by means of a hinge portion extending along one edge portion of an interface between said bottom and cover parts.
25. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein an interface between said cover part and said bottom part inclines downwardly from the rear side of the packaging unit to the front side, thus yielding a higher front side of the cover part than rear side of the cover part.
26. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 25, wherein said interface is curved.
27. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein the lower edge of said front surface of the cover part is curved in a

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downward direction beneath an interface between said cover part and said bottom part for extension of the area of the front surface and for facilitating opening of the unit.

28. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 27, wherein the downward extension of the front surface covers up to the total height of the bottom part.

29. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said bottom part on an under side is provided with a pattern of supporting ribs connecting base portions of the egg-shaped compartments in the bottom part, whereby the mechanical strength of the unit is increased.

30. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 29, wherein said base portions and said supporting ribs define a substantially planar surface for placement of the unit.

31. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 29, wherein said base portions and said supporting ribs define a surface for placement of the unit, the central portions of which surface are elevated with respect to the peripheral portions hereof.

32. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 16, wherein ~~said one or more protrusions are the respective protrusion~~ is provided on a flexible flap placed along one upper edge portion of the bottom part.

33. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 32, wherein portions of said flexible flap are formed such that they constitute a part of the walls of adjacent compartments.

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34. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 18, wherein the size of a planar face of the ~~the~~ one or more protrusions respective protrusion approximately corresponds to the size of the tip of a thumb.

35. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 18, wherein the size of a planar face of the ~~the~~ one or more protrusions respective protrusion is within the range (20 mm to 30 mm) x (15 mm to 20 mm).

36. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said unit is formed as one integrated unit in one material.

37. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said egg-shaped compartments of the bottom part and said partial ovoid portions of the cover part define internal surfaces in the unit, which internal surfaces correspond to a portion of a total surface of an egg.

38. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 37, wherein said internal surfaces in the unit correspond to at least 60% of a surface of an egg.

39. (Previously Presented) A display and distribution packaging unit according to claim 37, wherein said egg-shaped compartments are provided with support structures for ends of eggs to be placed in the compartments.

40. (Currently Amended) A display and distribution packaging unit for eggs or similar fragile articles, said packaging unit comprising:
a bottom part comprising nonplanar side surfaces of egg-shaped compartments which match at least partially the outer contours of the eggs contained within said unit;
and

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a cover part comprising a top surface and substantially planar front and rear side surfaces, and planar opposing end faces, the planar front and rear surfaces being longer than the planar end faces, said cover part comprising partial ovoid portions extending outwardly from at least one of the planar end faces of said cover part, ~~wherein the at least one planar end face wherein the at least one planar end face or faces apart from the ovoid portions completely spans the entire side end face of the cover part.~~